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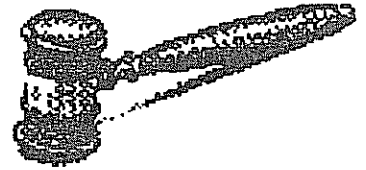
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PROSE FROM THE PREZ



Hi, Folks!

For this column I am going to attempt to titillate your interest on some of the items in our Trading Post. They would make great gifts or stocking stuffers, especially for anyone with roots or an interest in WV.

Three special items are being offered them for Christmas.

- a gold & blue Christmas ornament - \$12.50
- an etched crystal ornament - \$20.00
- a variety of angels created by our own Audrey **BRENNEMAN** like we have offered in the past.

Other items include:

Picture postcards of the State Hospital, Tygart Lake, the Monongahela River, and Pricketts Fort- \$.35 each

Note cards- pack of 12 for \$8- wonderful pen and ink drawings of buildings of historic interest in Lewis County- by Robin Laurentz

Cookbooks: *Jackson's Mill Stoneground Favorites*, #2- \$3.50; *Casseroles, Meats, & Fish...Cookies*- \$15; *Receipts and Remedies* (HCPD-L Offerings) - \$15; *Madison's Cookbook*- \$12

I Believe in Angels Singing- Songs of the Underground Railroad Period- CD- \$15

State Hospital Mugs- \$8; McWhorter Mugs- \$10

Gospel Music

Tybee Tyme- CD- Gary Lee **TOLLEY**- \$10

Heaven's Just Around the Corner- Gary Lee **TOLLEY**- \$10

HCPD license plates- \$5

Beyond Autumn - Poems of the Seasons- CD- \$7

This is Bill Hayes- autographed CD- \$20

100 Roanoke , WV Images- stories- CD- \$15

Denton King CD's- several titles

Updated McWhorter Family History- \$45

T Shirts- WV- My Ancestors Lived Here- \$14-

green, gray, turquoise, burgundy, navy, brown

Sweat Shirts- same message as above- \$16

navy, burgundy, gray, brown, ivory

Miscellaneous milk bottles and Atlas jars- \$5 and \$10

Tubes of WV Air- \$1

These items can be ordered the same way you order anything from HCPD- website, mail, e-mail, phone

Here's hoping you will find something for that certain someone on your list or something you can use as a gift to yourself (or get someone else to buy for you.)

Mary

From the Desk



of the Director

Autumn has arrived here in Lewis County. The leaves are nearing their peak color and are quite beautiful today. Just two weeks ago I was traveling through Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine anticipating beautiful fall leaves but found we were just about two weeks ahead of them. It's hard to imagine that they could be more beautiful than what we are seeing today. We have had a really great summer here at the Library with many visitors from all around the country. Lots of folks have been stopping by our Library to research and look for information in their quest to find their roots.

Annual Gathering and the Jackson's Mill Jubilee are behind us and we are now preparing for our Annual Roast Beef dinner which will probably be over by the time you read this. There is never a dull moment around the Library as we are always planning for the next event even before we get the current one done.

It is also the time for renewal of our annual memberships. Our membership year runs from October 1 through September 30. There is a letter and renewal form enclosed with this issue of the Journal so if you have not renewed your membership, please do so as quickly as possible. If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you for doing so. We don't want you to miss any discussions on the HCPD-List, your ability to access the Members Only files, or the next issue of the Journal.

As we head into the holiday season, a quick reminder that the Library will be closed for Election on November 3, for Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 26 through Saturday, November 28 and for Christmas from December 24 through Sunday, January 3. If anyone is going to be in the area during any of these holiday times and would like to research, please e-mail us at hcpd@hackerscreek.com ahead of time and we will attempt to accommodate your needs.

We have added several new authors to our bookstore and we hope to have these new books posted to our website soon. Many of these books would make ideal Christmas presents. Please check our Trading Post on the website often for these new updates.

Betty Ann

2009-2010 BUDGET AS APPROVED AT ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2009

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Donations-Cemetery	750	Internet access/website:	800
Donations-General	4,000	Cemetery Maintenance	750
Donations-Copies	1,500	Salaries and PR taxes-Office Help	23,500
Building Fund Donations	1,000	Contract employees	3,500
Endowment Income	1,200	Repairs/Maintenance	500
Program Revenues (Seminars,etc)	3,000	Insurance	2,700
Dues and Online Fees	18,000	Heat	4,500
Interest	100	Electric	1,800
Grants	5,000	Water	300
Special Event Income(including	6,000	Phone	1,300
DAR, Lions, Dinners, Yard sales,		Trash	250
e-bay, raffles, etc.)		Pest Control	360
Sassaparilla -Jubilee	3,000	Journals	2,600
Sale of Publications &		Postage	2,500
Merchandise	20,000	Service Fees - Credit Card	
Miscellaneous Income	4,000	Acceptance	1,200
TOTAL INCOME	67,550	Copier Maintenance	3,600
		Computer Maintenance/Programs	500
		Equipment Repair	350
		Office Supplies	1,100
		Other Supplies	200
		Licenses	40
		Advertising	100
		Program Expenses	1,600
		Special Event Expenses	4,500
		Cost of all goods sold	8,000
		Library Acquisitions	1,000
		TOTAL EXPENSES	67,550

Annual Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2009

The Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants met at the Library Saturday morning, August 8, 2009 for their annual meeting with Mary **CREAMER**, President, presiding. Mary welcomed members from, Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, California, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

Eva **NEWLON**, Secretary, read the minutes of the August 9, 2008 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Betty Ann **NICHOLSON**, Executive Director, gave the financial report. She reported on the decision to side the building and estimates for painting and installation of siding.

Mitchell Construction Company was chosen to do the work.

Since borrowing from our own investments was not an option due to the economy, funds were raised in other ways. Sale of apple butter, \$895; an unexpected book order \$1500; a raffle, \$1041.00; grant from the Lewis County commission, \$2500.00; donations from members, \$6000.00.

The contract was awarded and the job was started, in the process other situations arose. We closed some windows, added new cover over the community room entrance and various other things. The overall cost of the project was \$21,243.50. So we borrowed from savings the balance of \$9307.00 to pay the balance.

Also other things need to be complete to make the building look finished. Covering the column on the front porch, at a cost of \$ 280.00. Painting the blocks of the utility room, doors and railings. A work day was held and those things were done by volunteers.

Yet to be completed are the moving of the RV hook ups and the drainage system needs to be completed. (There were no drains in place to carry the run off water.) We also need a new handicapped ramp at the community room entrance and sidewalks.

Betty Ann thanked those who came out and worked to finish the painting, Molly **LAMB**, our cleaning person and leader of the 4-H club which meets in the building, painted the doors and railing as a volunteer.

She talked about plans for a new building when enough funds become available.

She told of the royalty payment received from Dominion Resources. Several years ago one of our members gave us a quit claim for the Fisher Cemetery with some funds for upkeep. Early this year the Dominion Resource contacted her and said they were settling the estate of Katherine **SIMONTON** and wanted to know about the quit claim. Documents were provided and a check was received for over \$72,000.00 royalty and interest from a working well on the property. We receive a check monthly from the same well if the royalty for the month is over \$100.

The library was in need of a new copier. Fortunately, the Dominion funds were available to pay for it. Two Certificates of Deposit totaling \$50,000 were purchased and have given a serious boost to our plans for a new building.

Betty Ann **NICHOLSON** reported that our Lord Abbott Investment Fund is slowly recovering from the bad economy.

Barbara **EDKIN** asked about grants and stated that that person has to know how to write grants in order to benefit from them.

Betty Ann reported on publications for sale or being prepared for sale: Three volumes. of Yesteryears available for sale; Veterans Book II is about ready for publication. Death Book Vol. 9 is also about ready. Vol. 10 and 11 are being worked on.

Obits are being indexed and almost ready to be put on the web. Our summer intern, Ben **HAMRICK**, a Wesleyan College student, has indexed 70 notebooks on obit , newspaper clippings and other material. He has done a great job. Other volunteers are working on various projects. May **WHITE** has indexed the Yesteryears with name, places etc.

Our cemetery maintenance fund is almost gone with only \$49.00 available; a mowing in September will cost \$ 250.00.

Betty Ann reported on HCPD's acquisition of the unsold lots at **PETERSON** Cemetery from the **PETERSON** family. We will receive a commission for the remaining grave lots when sold. The balance will go to the fund for the upkeep of the cemetery.

The cash flow report was explained that we have spent \$ 2,204.70 more than received during the first nine months of the fiscal year.

It was asked why the fiscal year began in October opposed to January 1, Joy **STALNAKER** stated that it when we were organized.

The Librarian, Audrey **BRENNEMAN**, reported that she had received and shelved about 415 books, some are new additions other were given new categories. She stated she had formed a book committee of Mary **CREAMER**, Donna **WILLIAMS**, Marion **REED**, Joy **STALNAKER** and herself to decide what to remove from the shelves. She has reduced the kids section {KK} to 146 books, some were put in the yard sale, other donated, some are in boxes for the silent auction and a collection of American History books were donated to Lewis County High School. They had lost their set to water damage.

Cary and Donna **WILLIAMS** reported on their audit of the books on December 20, 2008. They found every thing in order. Cary commended Betty Ann for the job well done in keeping the records in order.

Melvin **TOLLEY** asked to those who will be filling out evaluation sheets to add what they would like to eat at next years Gathering.

Next years Gathering will be more in depth than this year. Our roast beef dinner is planned for either October 11th or 18th, 2009.

Under old Business, no report.

Under new business: Election of officers with Patricia Viellenave in charge. She present a slate of board members whose terms will expire. Two, May **WHITE** and Rollie Neal stated they would like to remain on the board. Therefore one member needs to be chosen. Marion **REED** asked to be replaced; she has health problems and lives in Glenville where she is involved with their historical society. Nominations were asked for and two people were named: Doris **DEAN** and Jane **GILCHRIST**. A paper ballot was used to select the board member. Doris **DEAN** got the majority votes.

The proposed budget for 2009-2010 was explained and questions asked about the copier-copier maintenance fund amount.

Someone suggested that we go to wireless with computers, checking the cost of a router, what we have and what we need to improve.

Barbara **EDKIN** made motion seconded by Lynn **FIREBAUGH** to accept the budget as presented (an included in this Journal). Motion carried

It was reported that we have received a Digital projector and 3 Dell computers. The computer was donated from the Lewis County Senior Citizens. They have limited memory but can be used. Randall **NICHOLSON** has been working on them cleaning them up.

Cary William offered a big thank you to Bud **SMITH** for his work on the map collection; they are in great shape. Bud has purchased some new ones.

Sunday church services will be at the Vandalia Church, with those attending meeting at the Library. Lunch will be served after Church at the Library.

Dinner will be this evening at the Broad Street Methodist Church, with a Memorial service at 6:00 pm proceeding the dinner at 6:30 pm after dinner we will be entertained by the Singing Sisters.

A contest from our theme this year "Family Connection" with a Monkey as our logo. A story was to be submitted about the three monkeys Mortimer, Matilda and baby. Only three were received. Those entering were Richard **DePRIEST** of Texas, Alberta **DENNISON**, HCPD volunteer, and Eva **NEWLON**, HCPD Secretary, with Richard DePriest the winner. Audrey **BRENNEMAN** read the entries. (They are printed immediately following these minutes.)

Meeting adjourned until August 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva **NEWLON**, Secretary

Richard DePriest's 1st Place Monkey Story

Wolbert Sebastian Meigh, a Saxon from the old town of Coots, Auldshire, England, married Minerva Harriett M'Ousse, daughter of Donald Eugene and Daisy Mable Dux, and widow of Michael Eduard M'Ousse. The Dux's are descendents of either Hugh or Duward (records are unclear), of the Norman Louis Dux family



originally from France, but who came to England along with William The Conqueror. Mike is a descendent of William the Conqueror's interior decorator, also from France, by the name of Eekard Albert M'Ousse.

Wolbert and Minnie had a daughter Mercy. Mercy married Etude Insee Major, son of Ursula, an officer in her Majesties 45th Hotstream Guard stationed at Abbot's Run Downs, Bareneees, Scotland, and Sergeant Major of the Regimental Polka Band. Etude's serial number was 304, 269, 7091.

Etude and Mercy had the following children:

1) Helen married John Louis Boll, a plumber who made a fortune on his inventions: the delux Lou's Loo, and the more moderately priced John's John. John and Helen were a very close couple and he always called her "Sugar;"

2) Goldie, a minor, married another military man, Colonel George Percy Meinner, Military Attaché to the island of Krakatoa. George is believed to have died

there from acute prickly heat;

3) Lottie, who married a pastry chef named Jonathan "Buck" Doe; and

4) Cookie who married Buck's partner and cook, Roland Felix Baker.

John and Lottie immigrated to America. John became night chef at the prestigious Doug's All Nite Diner and Taxidermy in Lewis County, West Virginia, and Lottie adopted the more formal name of Lotta as befitting their enhanced social position.

John and Lotta had the following children:

1) Isabelle Clara who married Howard Rupert Yew, a forest ranger and matchbook collector, at least up to the time he took his collection to work with him (he added new meaning to the phrase "up in smoke"). They later moved to Ozark Missouri and had two children: Ryerson and Pyrolena. They called Ryerson "R'son" for short. One summer, while visiting their Aunt Matilda in Ohio, R'son and Pyro accidentally set Matilda's scrapbooking kit on fire, eventually taking the house and most of the

barn. Ever since, Matilda begins to moan and shake violently and uncontrollably when she thinks of R'son and Pyro;

2) Catherine "Miss Kitty" married Wyatt Marshall, a law enforcement officer in the town of Oblivion, Grand County, Oklahoma, population 23. Kitty, who knew almost each and every citizen of Oblivion by name, was quite the socialite, and became known as the "Grand Dam of Grand," or "Grand" for short;

3) Imogene married Douglas Peter Fride, owner and day cook at Doug's. Ima helped D. P. at his work, and became quite an expert on Cooking Sherry;

4) Urial Rita married Mycroft Self, son of Himmel and Hermionie, and moved to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico and opened a dry goods store;

5) Matilda May who was born in one of those silly named towns around Lancaster Pennsylvania, married first to Gottlieb Himm and moved to Madd River Valley, Ohio, and second to Igor Zebulon Eigt; and

6) Glory B. who married a Mister Herr.

Matilda and Igor had a son named Magnar Phillip, who goes by "Phi."

Imogene and Douglas had a son named Mortimer, a lens cleaner at Mount Lowe Observatory in Death Valley, who is only 4 feet 9 inches tall (Mortimer, not the observatory).

Matilda, Mortimer and Magnar are relatives of mine and were planning on attending the big genealogy gathering in Weston in August. Cousin Mortimer said he would have to hitchhike because he was a little short. I heard Aunt Matilda had another one of her "spells" at the post office when she happened to see a photo of R'son and Pyro on the wall, with the caption "Wanted, Ozark Mountain Kids," and then she had to have another of those shocking treatments (it was in Madd that Matilda went, well, for lack of a better word, anxious), and my cousin Magdar, who was with Aunt Matilda when she had her recent "anxious" moment, ran away and was last reported to be hiding in an tractor supply store, muttering "keep her away, keep her away." I hope it all works itself out and I can see all my cousins at the "gathering."

Any information on the following persons would be greatly appreciated:

Wo. S. Meigh, Mercy Meigh, Minnie M'Ousse, Mike E. M'Ousse, Eek A. M'Ousse, Donald Dux, Daisy Dux, Hewey, Dewey, and Louie Dux, Major Major, Ursula Major, Sugar Boll, Goldie Meinner, Col. Meinner, minor Meinner, Lotta Doe, Cookie Baker, Rol. Baker, I. C. Yew, Howie R. Yew, Grand Marshall, Marshall Marshall, Ima Friede, Morty Friede, D. P. Friede, May Himm, Gott. Himm, Izzy Eigt, Magnar Phi Eigt, U. R. Self, My Self, Him Self, Her Self, Himm's and Herr's, or any old Coots.

Send replies to: Richard DePriest at redepriest@hotmail.com

THE MORTIMER MONKEY

FAMILY HISTORY

researched by Alberta DENNISON



Mortimer M. Monkey was born Feb. 14 1870 to Marty T. Monkey and Minerva A. Splatt. Mortimer was an exceptional child and matured very quickly. He attended school at Lightburn Elementery School and graduated from Jane Lew High School with honors.

Mortimer worked as a flagpole painter to finance his way through WV University. He graduated with honors and became a very prosperous lawyer. He founded the law office of Monkey, Ape & Lemur in Morgantown WV.

In 1882 Mortimer met Matilda Marsupial, the daughter of Arnie and Elizabeth Marsupial of Uniontown PA. It was love at first sight. They were married on Dec 25, 1883 at the home of the bride. They honeymooned at Wildcat WV and set up housekeeping in Morgantown. Life was good, Mortimer had a growing legal practice and Matilda

was so happy taking care of her new home.

Matilda delivered an 8 lb 4 oz bouncing baby boy on Sept 1, 1884. Mortimer was so proud. They named the baby Mortimer M. II, and everything was fine in the world.

One spring day in 1886 Matilda was doing her laundry in the wash house and baby Morty was playing on the porch. A band of gypsies took the baby and Matilda was heartbroken. No amount of tender loving care could bring her out of her depression and Mortimer had to admit her to the hospital for treatment.

We move ahead to 1904—Morty (now called Sasha) is 20 years old and realizes that he is not a gypsy strikes out to find his roots.

He searches all the old newspapers he can lay his paws on and finally finds the story of the Monkey kidnapping. Morty knows in his heart that this is his story. He travels to Morgantown to the law office of Mortimer Monkey and asks to see Mortimer. When Mortimer sees Morty he realizes that this is his long lost son. (They are identical) Mortimer takes Morty home to Matilda and she is overjoyed at the sight of her baby boy.

During the search for his family Morty did his family tree. Here are the results:

Mortimer M. Monkey was the son of Marty Monkey and Minerva A. Splatt.
Marty was the son of Ulysses Monkey and Emily Flagg

Minerva was the daughter of Johnny Q. Splatt and Sarah Jane Duke

Matilda Marsupial was the daughter of Arnie Marsupial and Elizabeth Harker

Arnie was the son of Jasper Marsupial and Edith May Winsor

Elizabeth was the daughter of Phenias Harker and Jamima Good.

Mortimer M Monkey II is still searching for his ancestors so if anyone reading this can help him please contact him at Hackers Creek Pioneer Decendants at Horner WV. By the way, Morty is the President of the board now.

RESEARCHING THE MONKS AND KEYS FAMILIES

As related by Eva NEWLON



At the April 2009 Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendant Executive Board meeting we were introduced to three strange looking characters, being not so unusual. I have met a lot of strange characters while volunteering on Saturday at the Library.

As we were introduced to Mortimer and Matilda and the baby's name is unknown at this time, and they will be the center of attention at the 28th annual gathering of HCPD members.

Their journey to the Library and who will get all this attention is quite interesting. Mortimer was found on the shelf at a Cracker Barrel in Marion County, when our Librarian walked by he got her attention, after talking with him she was thinking he might fit in at the Gathering for

the theme this year is Family Connections.

She questioned Mortimer as to how he arrived in Marion County. He told her he had got separated from his family and don't know if she arrived in box. some little child carried him in, came on a truck, car, airplane, or train; but was so unhappy that he couldn't find his family. The Librarian told him of the Gathering and that many members would c me and perhaps there just might be a relative in the group, and she would be glad to take him with her. Mortimer became very excited, thinking this may be the best way to find my family and perhaps some ancestors.

Matilda, she too was not sure how she arrived in West Virginia, maybe with a football team or a fan of another sport, but arriving in a City like Morgantown, being at a big hospital was scary, she didn't know if she had been a patient or left there by someone visiting. Again our Librarian who was there to visit a friend, and saw her wondering around looking for someone to share her story, that she couldn't fiind her family. She too was invited to make the trip to Hacker Creek Library and the Gathering of members in

August. The Librarian didn't tell her she had found Mortimer, and perhaps he might be one of the relatives she was looking for.

On another trip to the Clarksburg area shopping for items in the Tractor Supply store, she found in the area where they sell dog food a little baby, shy and big tears running down her cheeks. She had lost her Mother and Father. Some one must have thought she would feel better being around pictures of cats and dogs rather than setting out front with a lawn mower, tractor trailer or lots of other farm tools and equipment. The Librarian felt this little one needed to be brought to the Gathering to see if someone in the group might be a relative. So she was picked up. On arriving at the Library she was greeted by Mortimer and Matilda as their long lost off-spring. Mortimer and Matilda have identifying marks and were so excited when they saw the baby TILLE, she too had the same mark, Mortimer said now we are family again, and look at all the relatives we have.

So if you are researching Monks or Keys families you just might be closely related to this family.

OHIO DEATH RECORDS ONLINE

The Ohio death certificates are on line thru the Family Search Pilot <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start> When this opens put in surname & Ohio United States. , click on the one you want , click it again and the certificate comes up. You can enlarge it & also crop it so you are not printing a lot of blank or black edging . Your cost ... ink & paper . Look around this site many places for our research ; being added to weekly.

This information courtesy of the Allegheny, PA, listserve.

Some Pages from the Story of Lewis County in the World War

As told by Lawrence **PROUDFOOT** to Roy Bird **COOK**

(Book also contains notes and pictures of William A. **COOK**, R. B.'s brother.)

Continued from Iss. 2

Chapter 4

The Tour to the South.

"Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag,
And smile, smile, smile,
While you've a lucifer to light your fag,
Smile, boys, that's the style.
What's the use of worrying?
It was never worth while, so
Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag
And smile, smile, smile."

Weary days followed, and finally a hot Sunday came to pass on August 19th. Rumors flew thick and fast. We were to leave for somewhere in twenty-four hours. We got into action on Monday afternoon, and with all equipment on our backs, the Regimental Band playing the "Old Gray Mare," we marched out of Camp Cornwell, on the road to Hoult, a little town on the Monongahela, two miles below Fairmont. The band marched part of the way and then left us. How we thrilled as cheer after cheer rent the air, cheers for us, for the state and the band. And let me say in passing that the men in the band were just the same to us as our own men. We liked them and they liked us. Little did we know it was the last time we would hear "our own" band.

After entraining the special train backed up the river into the station at Fairmont. Here was enacted a scene duplicated many times later in the course of the war. Men and women wept, soldiers attempted to smile bravely, and at 4:00 P. M. amid a shower of "good-bye's" and "be sure to come back" we set out for Wheeling. Many a poor fellow never came back. Hundreds of people flocked to the train at Mannington, Cameron, Moundsville; then came the shades of night and West Virginia troops crossed the Ohio River and invaded the rolling hills and broad fields of the "Buckeye State."

Leaving our State created a certain feeling of regret with all the men. We felt it. The genial "Bob" **ROBERTS** raked up a "uke" some place, and our own Sullivan **FUCCY** brought out

the glee club, and soon "Hail West Virginia," "West Virginia Hills," etc. floated out on the Ohio air. And such singers. Able basses like Lieutenant James **HARVEY**, Corporal Frank **SMITH**, "Doc" **KENNY**; tenors like Sergeant **FUCCY**, Corporals Lewis **JORDON** and Harold **BURNSIDE**. "Buncus" **HYRE** helped along with Paul **FORMAN**, Oder **DILLY**, Spencer, and other good fellows.

Passing through Zanesville, the train arrived in Columbus about midnight with a train load of young soldiers fast asleep. About 4 A. M. Cincinnati was reached, and day-light found our outfit amid the level fields of Indiana. Morning mess was served at North Vernon. Hungry men, swarms of them, were everywhere, but all made a grand rush to seats, for no one was served until in his place. Then came Mess Sergeant **PIERSON** through the cars with a big basket of sliced bread, then came canned beef, scrambled eggs, berry preserves, and coffee. A regular feast to us. Jeffersonville, Indiana, found us back to the Ohio, and about 8 A. M. we were passing through the western part of Louisville, down in "old Kentucky."

We did not get to see much of Louisville, passing almost directly to the L. & N. Station. But one of our men, William **COOK**, by name, got a good look at part of the section through which we passed. He was a quiet, unassuming fellow, who stood between all of us and our folks, being the regimental mail orderly.

Entering the city the train paused by the side of a factory. The windows of the building were soon full of girls and notes from the fair Juliets floated down through the air, but most of them missed the mark. Out through a window went **COOK**, and across a track to grasp a tender missive of some sort, but just then a freight train backed in and cut off his retreat as our train moved on. Captain **BERRY**, much distressed, knew not what to do, but in the middle of a thirty minute stop at the L. & N. station, the old familiar main street swing came tearing down the track back of us, and Romeo arrived in good shape with a flock of letters.

At Elizabethtown we began to pass through great fields of tobacco. People working in them were removing suckers and worms. This was all new to Lewis county boys. The limestone regions attracted our attention because of the sunken spots filled with water and no outlet. We detrained at Bowling Green for a rest, and soon reached Clarksville, on the noted Cumberland River. At a little stop in Tennessee we had a chance to take a plunge in a river. At Paris, the officers came in and told us that we were now to travel over the roughest railroad in the U. S. - the "Mignon Railway." We started over this division, which ran through a sparsely settled section. Pine trees, swamp holes, and a few negroes [sic] about all we saw until we reached the main line near Meridian, Mississippi. At one place, far from human habitation, we passed a huge monument, located by the side of a little river that caused much conjecture. At Meridian we alighted for a little exercise.

Here we found the original ten-cent store watermelon, thousands of them, and such a sight as a mixture of men and melons filed back on the train.

At Camp Shelby.

"K-K-K-Ka-ty, beautiful Ka-ty, You're the only g-g-g-girl that I adore;
When the m-m-m-moonshine shines, Over the cowshed,
I'll be waiting at the k-k-k-kitchen door."

Arriving at Camp Shelby, or Hattiesburg, Miss., about five o'clock Wednesday, August 22nd, we found ourselves in a medley of building operations, terrifically hot weather, dirt and dust, watermelons, a town about the size of Fairmont, only fifty times slower, and negroes everywhere. A railroad extension ran almost to the camp which was being carved out of a wilderness of sand and tall pines, about twelve miles from the town. Everyone was filled with the "bigness" of it all, and could hardly realize it was being made ready for 40,000 men.

Our company was among the first troops to arrive at Camp Shelby. A part of Divisional Headquarters, Company E of the Second West Virginia, from Parkersburg, and two companies from Kentucky and Indiana had preceded us. Having been mustered into the National Army at Fairmont, on August 5th, we here became part of the 38th Division, later known as the Cyclone Division, under command of General SAGE.

All about us was confusion, so it seemed to us. Every morning train loads of laborers and carpenters came up from Hattiesburg. They looked like a mob unloading, looking for trouble and all going in one direction. About five thousand men were engaged in clearing the ground and erecting mess halls, stables and other buildings. The 38th was a tent outfit, so we needed no barracks. About half of the laborers were southern negroes, new to us, typical of that region. Most of them went barefooted, wore little in the way of clothes, and on the bottom of their feet were callouses as thick as soles of shoes. At nights we would throw money to some of them, and no service man will forget the sound of a big negro doing a buck and wing dance on a strip of board, and hear the calloused feet cracking down on it.

The nights, in spite of the hot sun during the day, were cool. A sub-tropic moon as large as a tub came up, and while it sounds "fishy" one could read by it in the company streets. About three P. M. a gulf breeze began to come in and by night we often had to use a blanket. Storms sometimes came up quickly.

Anyone, however, who thinks we had little to do has but to run down our "daily fare:"

Reveille – 1 st call	6:00 A.M.
Reveille	6:10
Assembly	6:15
Mess Call	6:45
Drill Call	7:30
Recall	11:30
Mess Call	12:25 noon
Sick Call	1:00 P. M.

Drill Call	1:30
Recall from drill	4:50
Retreat- 1st call	5:15
Assembly	5:25
Retreat	5:30
Mess call immediately -after retreat	
Taps	10:00 P. M.

And still our sweethearts, wives and mothers wondered why we did not write every day. But we had Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and Sunday. We were fortunate in tents, each had boarded sides, a wood stove, and electric lights. Some of our men had to stick close to his "native heath" as we completed a paratyphoid prophylaxis by September 11th.

On September 15th the old First West Virginia Infantry ceased to exist, and the companies were transferred to different organizations to which they were better fitted and more useful. Companies A, B, C, and D became the 137th Machine Gun Battalion, 38th Division, Captain **BERRY** still commanding Company C, with Lieutenants **HARVEY** Thomas and **HARRIS** on duty with company.

Two reserve officers were attached for duty and one hundred seventy-two men composed the company. We were moved back about a mile from where we first camped. It rained almost constantly. Our genial "Bob" **ROBERTS** left us on the way to France.

These changes caused much shifting around in the personnel of our outfit. The narrator was placed in charge of the Company mail, and part of the canteen work. **COOK** was mounted on a big grey horse and charged around with dispatches and mail like some cavalryman under Jeb **STUART**, in the 60's. Louis **JORDON** wrote a new song about having "your appendix removed" which at least had its reward in that his father and mother came to see him. Lieutenant **HARRIS** was honored by visits from his "better half" and Ruth Law, well known around Weston, did stunts for our edification in her plane. French **STALNAKER**, our "Charley Chaplin" kept things moving, and Sullivan **FUCCY** organized a foot ball team, which whipped everything from Indiana down the Mississippi

Colonel Jackson **ARNOLD**, in the meantime, looked around to see that, the boys from West Virginia received a square deal, a fact few will forget. Our new outfit really belonged to a Kentucky or "Ridge Runners" organization. This suited well, inasmuch as there seemed to be a spirit of co-operation existing between men from Kentucky and West Virginia that did not exist between us and men from Indiana and the middle west sections.

No longer in need of rifles we were pleased when they were taken from us. It made a difference in drill on the field and also on our soldiers. Nine pounds was a lot of weight to carry on a hot day. In lieu of this we received machine guns and mules. Now most of us agreed that machine guns were alright, but we could not agree on the mules - outlaw animals that no one else could use were sold to Uncle Sam, and we inherited the worst. No professional "cow punchers" from the west were sent along, and the men in the outfit knew as little about mules as about women, and to try to handle either is a job only for experts.

One Louis **DEVERAUX**, of French origin no doubt, was transferred from a cavalry outfit

to ours, and for a long time would not let men put saddles on the mules when taken out on hikes. We guessed he knew what he was doing, as it was just about as hard to keep a saddle on them as to ride one, but time gave us some inside dope on the mule and we eventually found out ways and means to handle one.

Our first machine guns were Colts, an air cooled machine. We were taught about the mechanism, how to secure the range, etc., and at times used a wooden gun for the same purpose.

On September 28th we were notified to fasten tents good, as a tornado was coming - and it came. Tore down two or three tents in our company. The narrator was asleep in one of them, only to awake and find himself in a cot full of water. In fact the storm just tore a path right through our division.

Watermelons continued to glut the market even this late. Of course we did not always pay for them. The favorite outdoor sport was to see how many one could carry from some farmer's field. Some men had a chance to repair to Bellsville where one ate up fried chicken, and watched negroes dance. Once a crowd went to McLaren to a carnival, and one of the boys from Buckhannon got so excited he wanted to embrace one of the opposite color before he could be persuaded to leave.

During the early winter months of late 1917, and early 1918, we had a school in our mess hall. Here we also studied a Browning gun, the regulation army machine, which being water cooled, did not heat up so quickly and would fire longer on a continual practice than any we used in this country. However, the machine most used later was the Hotchkiss gun. This was a French gun, larger than the Colts. Being larger, the care was not so particular, and many were thrown in mud for several days, mounted on a Belgian tripod, and could be fired immediately without cleaning. The Browning was of more delicate construction, required more care and attention, but was hard to beat for continual firing.

The Second Liberty Loan Day set aside by the President gave us an extra holiday, on October 24th. Part of this day was taken up with an athletic field meet participated in by 25,000 men, or about four times the population of Weston. West Virginia and Indiana played football. The score was nothing to nothing in favor of West Virginia. That was our count. They called us "snakes," "woodhicks" and many other names. It was then we found we had the champion boxer of the camp.

On November 12th a detachment of French and British officers arrived to look us over and render some assistance. They looked funny beside our men.

Thanksgiving Day brought a big feed. It took our cooks two days to get ready for it, and we had everything from turkey to olives, and as we passed out of the mess hall we were handed cigars and matches. Then a big football game was staged at 2:00 P. M., between our divisional team and an Indiana team - we also had a lot of other athletic events.

About this time we passed some vocational examinations. The men were examined to see if they knew everything from pigeons to canaries, and iodine to shoeing a mule. In fact a man who knew about birds or shoeing mules was a valuable man in France. We were headquarters guard, and all that goes with it - but none of this ever got us on to the front and out of Camp Shelby. Men by ones and twos went on, and we were told they needed us here to train men for overseas. But we had not enlisted to do that, and we viewed with disappointment the men from Vermont move on overseas on November 29th.

December 1917, was unusually cold for Mississippi. Perhaps we influenced it, but it snowed for the first time in years. Earle **WINEMILLER** was called home by a death in the family on the 15th. On the 18th the water pipes in the showers froze, the lights were out for three nights, and the wind blew so fiercely that our fires were ordered out for fear the tents would blow over and catch fire.

Christmas approached and we had two wagon loads of mail. Packages were smashed up, comfort kits made by loving hands in Weston came in to some boys, and other received nothing. The expression on the faces of men who received no mail was pitiful. Christmas day came with an all-day rain, in which some outfits had no practice on the range. **COOK, FUCCY** and the narrator hung around headquarters part of the day, trying to keep an old stove working while we enjoyed a package from Ralston's Drug Store, back up in "God's country." Some of **COOK's** folks up about Roanoke sent a big box of chestnuts - a real message from the West Virginia Hills. The Red Cross at Weston also sent packages to most of the men. About this time we "dipped" in government insurance, and the talk turned to the chances of families collecting it. The year closed with more frozen pipes, flurries of snow, and the Sight of men scurrying around in new sweaters knitted by loving hands back home.

On January 2, 1918, Paul **FOREMAN** and the narrator secured a furlough and set out for home. In Weston it was ten to twelve degrees below zero, but did not have the penetrating dampness found at Camp Shelby. Romeo **SMITH** made a visit home at the same time.

A fire burned an old house near our section on January 27th and this brought out all the companies in formation. Then we had fire drills at the unearthly hour of 2:00 A. M., and the Camp afterwards was full of talk of German spies. We soon started to practice with gas masks, and folks from home would not have known us in these deep sea diving outfits.

Early in February Captain **BERRY** left for a visit home. On the 20th we were honored by a visit from Hon. Robert L. **BLAND**, and the late Judge Linn **BRANNON**, of Weston. Colonel **ARNOLD** took them around the camp and we certainly enjoyed seeing folks from home. By the 27th, Captain **BERRY** was back in camp and Governor **CORNWELL** arrived accompanied by Secretary of War, **BAKER**, and an inspection of the West Virginia troops was made. We then took part in a great divisional parade, with over 30,000 in line, passing in review before Secretary **BAKER**, General **SAGE**, Governor **CORNWELL**, and General House, who succeeded General **SAGE**.

March found us having school at night, digging trenches in the afternoon, and "having it out" with the army dentists. Most all of us agreed that army dentists are just about the roughest operators that ever carried a sheepskin out of a college. We received from folks back home "smilage books," which helped to while away a few hours. Flowers were then in bloom, a strange sight to us hailing from the most southern of the Northern states.

On April 19th we went on the 1,000 yard range with some new machine guns. Actual service on the front was depicted in moving pictures from France, which were shown in camp, with a French officer to try to explain them to us. This, followed by an examination for overseas service, brought out the new "grape vine" talk. We were to move sure this time.

May brought the first hot days of summer. This made the daily routine very monotonous. Relief came in sight in June when orders were received to hold the Division in

readiness to go forward as replacement troops. About this time an officers' training camp was established in the camp. We then lost Louis **JORDON**, of Weston, one of our most popular non-commissioned officers, who was later sent to a camp in Georgia. Arden **HILL** was sent "on over." New men came into our outfit from Illinois and Mississippi, ignorant of military life, as we had been in earlier days, but eager to learn, and did.

Under leadership of some English and French officers who had been sent to us from abroad, a great military celebration was staged for July 4th. The performance started about an hour and onehalf before dark, embraced all kinds of military drills, and ended in a great display of fireworks. The civilian population for miles came to see it. Dr. John **WARDER**, of Weston, was among the latter number at the time, being on a visit to his daughter; Mary, the wife of Lieutenant **HARRIS**. He later invited the Weston boys into Hattiesburg to a dinner party, and took us all to the theater. About the 18th new rumors flew thick that we were to move, all started by the fact that Lieutenant **HARRIS** and William **COOK** had been detailed to check up all machine guns.

July 21st found us packing up for divisional inspection. At the same time word came into camp that John **HARRIS**, father of Lieutenant **HARRIS**, had been killed in a railway accident, and he left for home. Later, as conscript men continued to come in, **HARRIS** was advanced to the rank of captain, and transferred to a camp in Louisiana.

The month of July and the early part of August was spent in intensive training. Each man had spent so much time on the range, and so much time in the study of guns named before, and the Vickers gun used by the British army. Forty-five minutes a day was devoted to study and use of a Colt .45 pistol, and on August 3rd we took part in a great sham battle, and experienced being under machine gun and artillery fire.

The middle of August found part of our division leaving for Camp Mills, New York. As the machine gun unit was the last to leave camp, we did not get away until the middle of September. Many of the men had now been in the camp for thirteen months.

We left Camp Shelby about four o'clock on the afternoon of September 18th, on the "Hattiesburg and Camp Shelby Limited," by way of Anniston, Ala. At Marietta, in the outlying district of Atlanta, Georgia, we stopped for exercise, on "our march to the sea." In North Carolina we passed through Spencer, where we had breakfast and a little exercise, by Salisbury, and into Danville, Virginia, where we arrived Sunday. Lynchburg was soon left behind, and under great search lights we saw rise before us the dome of the Capitol in Washington. Our route then passed through part of Philadelphia, then to Wilmington, and into Jersey City, New Jersey.

It is hard to describe our trip up the coast and into Jersey City. All along the route whistles blew and flags waved. Foreigners would take off their hats and many of the older women would offer up a prayer for us, kneeling as we passed. Everywhere people seemed glad to see us and the Red Cross girls saw that we were well supplied with food. But the solemnity of the journey escaped no one. We were all, of course, anxious to see the great city of New York. At Jersey City we detrained and marched on a ferry which was to take us to Long Island vity. It was like looking at a great picture. Before us was the Hudson, and a fairyland to boys from the mountains. Great buildings towered to the sky. From pictures we knew the Woolworth and Singer buildings, but a strong bid for the prize was made by a fellow from a Mississippi regiment. "What is that burg over there?" he asked one of our men. Looking at him in amazement he was told "Why that is

Hattiesburg."

Our ferry boat passed under the noted Brooklyn Bridge and the Manhattan Bridge. The rails were thronged with people, shouting and waving to us. Arriving at Long Island City we entrained for Hempstead, where Camp Mills was located, where we arrived on Monday evening, September 17th. • At Long Island City we were ordered to put down all window blinds on train, in order that it might not be known that so many troops were ready to go overseas.

At Camp Mills we received our first hob-nailed shoes. Girls laughed at us because we made so much noise on the streets with them. A few had a chance to go over in the main city. "Block dances" were held in the streets, and, of course, a great deal of good natured chaff went on. It was a common expression "how did they get the hay in the hay-mow in the Woolworth building." One fellow from Weston was openly accused of standing in front of this building and asking a pedestrain where it was located. Near us was an aviation field and every day the sky was filled with aeroplanes. Two weeks were spent in this camp while we were equipped for overseas service.

All the men were required to fill out a card which read "The Ship on which I sailed has arrived safely overseas. Name _____ ORGANIZATION _____ American Expeditionary Forces."

Many of these cards are now cherished by families in Lewis, and while tears were shed no doubt on mailing, a sigh of relief went up when our people knew we were safely overseas.

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Restful Roanoke, cont. from p. 21

The writer was unable to get any information concerning these DUVALLs, the other inhabitants being unable to recollect much about them.

On top of the highest hill stands the Watson cemetery. In this "bivouac of the dead" sleeps thirty five of the tribe of WATSON. The rude forefathers of the hamlet, those hardy mountaineers, chose for this final resting place the hill-tops they loved so well, and three or four cemeteries in this vicinity are as near the sky as possible. But what a task it must be to carry the dead up those steep hillsides.

Uncle Henry SMITH is the patriarch of the village, and would have you understand that he "was born here, yes sir, born here," While Billy SMITH is a "furriner," a new comer, hasn't been here over 40 years.

About 200 votes were cast here when the voters are well rounded up. The Democrats are in the majority. The prohibitionists number four. The Republicans are few but undismayed. It would be difficult to find a more pleasant abiding place than Roanoke, or a more hospitable or kindly people. Among the people of this section are many of Irish descent, sons of Irishmen exiled in the days of the "penal laws," when it was treason to be a Milesian. They married daughters of the soil, and their offspring to-day possess the land. A stalwart, sturdy, wholesome race, their country's pride.

McWHORTERS CELEBRATE 82ND REUNION

More than 80 descendants of the Henry **McWHORTER** family celebrated the 82nd Annual **McWHORTER** Reunion at the **McWHORTER** United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 26. The reunion enjoyed the largest gathering of the extended family since the 1993 Bicentennial Celebration of the Henry **McWHORTER** Cabin at Jackson's Mill.

The featured attraction at the reunion was the new " Henry **McWHORTER** Descendants" book compiled by Celeste **KVETENSKY** of Olathe, Kansas. This new document represents the most complete and up-to-date **McWHORTER** genealogy since the Minnie **McWHORTER** book was published in 1948. The new book lists more than 500 **McWHORTERS** and 750 related families.

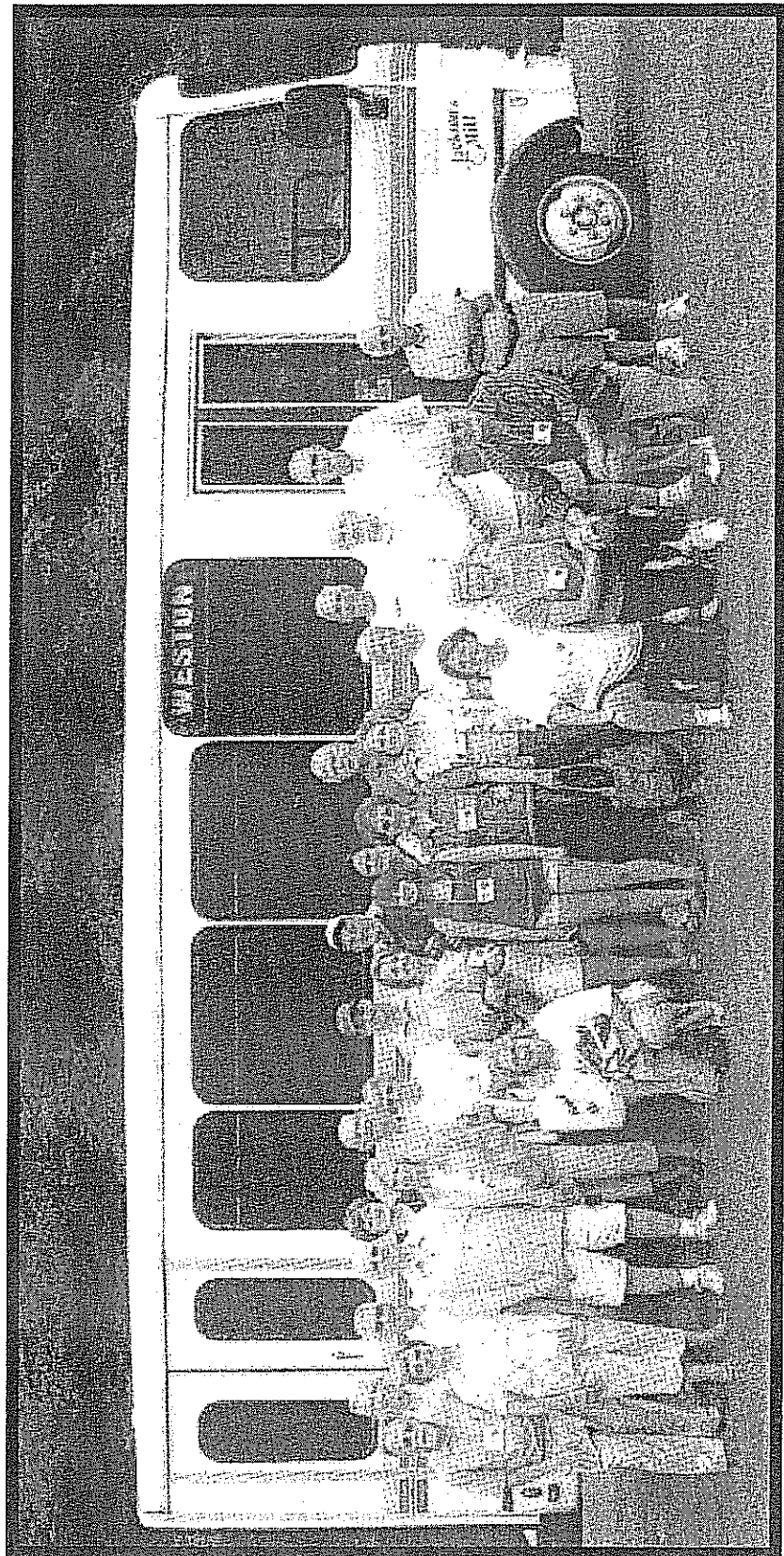
A group photograph was taken by Randall and Betty Ann **NICHOLSON** before the gathering was treated to an excellent lunch that was prepared by the Ladies of the Church. The reunion program consisted of a humorous account of growing up in **McWHORTER** by Jane **McWHORTER LEWIS** and a tribute to Minnie S. **McWHORTER** by Bob **McWHORTER**. The clan approved the use of the more classic **McWHORTER** "Coat-of-Arms" and heard Celeste **KVETENSKY** give an account of her family research and the compilation of her most recent book.

A full weekend of activities was planned for the 28 family members coming to the reunion from nine different states. These guests arrived in the Weston area Friday evening for a social hour at the Weston Holiday Inn Express Hotel. Most were visiting West Virginia for the first time, coming from New Mexico, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio and Illinois. An all-day bus tour of the area was coordinated by B. **McWHORTER** of Morgantown and assisted by Joy **STALNAKER** of Horner and B.A. **NICHOLSON** of Weston.

The tour began Saturday morning with a welcome by Julia **SPELSBERG**, Weston mayor, at the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library, Horner. The day's activities included a driving tour of Weston before departing for Jackson's Mill to view the 216-year-old **HENRY McWHORTER** Cabin. After lunch at Lambert's Winery, the group toured Lightburn and Broad Run enroute to Jane Lew where Dianne **HICKS** hosted the group for a visit to the Harness Shop Museum. The afternoon program also featured a visit to the original **McWhorter** Cabin location, the Pioneer Cemetery and the **McWhorter** United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Copies of the book may be obtained by contacting Bob **McWHORTER** at 304-599-2219 or by email <bobMcWHORTER29@gmail.com>.

(Sorry, but you'll have to turn the book sideways to see the photo)



Confederate War Horse Dies

Weston Democrat - December 19, 1891

Perhaps the oldest horse in West Virginia died in Lewis county last week. He was owned by John **COOKMAN**, Jr., of Jesse's Run, and was a relict of the late war. He was branded with a letter "B" on one shoulder, and was used in the cavalry service of the Confederate Army.

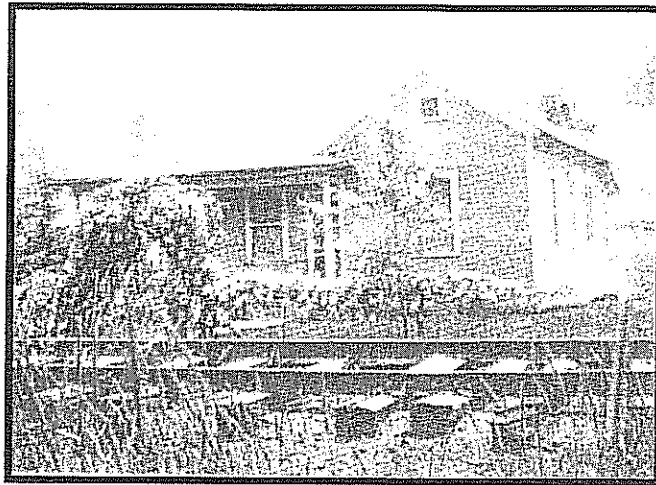
In color the horse was a jet black with white hind feet and white spot on end of the nose, and was a very attractive animal. His name was "Stonewall" Jackson. He weighed 1150 pounds was 15 1/2 hands high and very gentle in disposition.

Although he was used throughout the war, it is related that the excitement of battle had a strange effect upon him, and in the midst of firing he would stand perfectly still, and it was on this account that he had to be removed from cavalry duty. At the close of the war he was owned by Dr. **CHARTER**, of Knatty's creek, who sold him to Mr. **COOKMAN**, at a good price.

He was an invaluable horse on the farm and was very kind in harness and under the saddle. He was used continuously on the farms of Mifflin and Minter **COOKMAN**, until about one year ago, when he was turned out to do as he pleased. He died on the 11th of December, aged 34 years.

In honor of his old age and in commemoration of the executive service he had performed, he was buried with ceremony. Mr. Mifflin **COOKMAN** built a stonewall around him and covered it with flat flag-stone, after which his brother, Minter **COOKMAN**, fired a revolver over the grave, and the old horse of Jackson's famous Brigade was left to rest.

- Submitted by Jim Samples



STREET CAR MEMORY

My name is Martha Virginia **HART POARCH**. My dad was Bill **HART**, son of Reverend William Hampton **HART** and Artie **GOODWIN HART**.

About 1943 I rode a bus from Birmingham, Alabama to Charleston, West Virginia with my Aunt Grace to meet my Uncle Lox **HART**. My grandparents, W. H. and Artie **HART** were there to meet me. We celebrated Uncle Lox's birthday at the Bowling lanes he managed, after they closed. It was **LATE!**

Grandmother and her baby sister, Ocy **GOODWIN STRALEY** wanted to bowl so Uncle Lox paid the pin setter to stay and set pins for them. Grandmother was so excited because she beat her little sister.

The next day Grandmother, Grandfather and I got on the streetcar for our trip to Jane Lew. I loved it, watching everything going by. We got out right in front of their house.

My aunt, Myra **HART HENDERSON** told me about their exciting and unusual move from Haywood, West Virginia to Jane Lew when she was in high school (about 1925). They rented a "freight" streetcar that traveled along with the regular passenger street car. The middle of the side of the car had sliding doors so their furniture could be loaded in each end of the car and there was an open space in the middle, so Grandmother, Grandfather and Aunt Myra sat in rocking chairs with the car doors partly open and watched "the world go by". They rode into Clarksburg, West Virginia where the car had to be switched to the line going south to Jane Lew. They stopped long enough to unload the car right across the road from their house. So that, she said was "**EXPRESS DELIVERY**". (Continued on p. 31)

MORTIMER & MARTHA (SMITH) STALNAKER

by Joy L. GILCHRIST-STALNAKER

*Author's Note: This article was written in 1985, long before I became a part of the **STALNAKER** family. I have updated footnotes to reflect location of documents footnoted. Now, in 2009, the **STALNAKER** Family Association is working on a re-write and update of the **STALNAKER** book. Updates and corrections should be sent to Joy **STALNAKER**, 213 Linger Run Road, Homer, WV 26372. E-mail: joy1941@frontiernet.net*

In 1982 Gateway Press of Baltimore published A Chronology of the **STALNAKER** Family in America. Researched and compiled by Cecil E. **STALNAKER** and edited by Martin L. **YOKUM**, the book traces the **STALNAKER** family from Capt. Samuel **STALNAKER**, pioneer frontiersman, hunter, trader and friends of the Cherokee Indians, to the present day. Samuel's son, Jacob **STALNAKER** Sr., was among the first settlers of the Tygart Valley, Randolph County; he arrived in 1772. Jacob and his wife, Elizabeth **TRUBY** (d/o John **TRUBY**), were the parents of Adam, John, Jacob Jr., Eunice, Valentine, Samuel, Sebastian, Levi, William and Andrew. Through these children and their descendants, the family became connected to the families of other early settlers of the central West Virginia area.

This article is concerned with a descendant of Jacob Jr. who was b ca 1739 in Augusta Co, VA, and came to the Tygart Valley with his father. Jacob Jr. was married to Eleanor **TRUBY**, d/o Christopher **TRUBY**, and the father of six children - Jacob III, Catharine, Elizabeth, William D., Andrew and Mary. Jacob Jr. died 7 Nov 1834 at the age of ninety five.

Jacob **STALNAKER** III was b 1776. On 18 Jun 1803 he married Nancy **CHANNEL**, b 1782, d/o Joseph and Juda (**HODGES**) **CHANNEL**. They were the parents of thirteen children, the eldest of whom was named Samuel.

Samuel **STALNAKER** was born on Files Creek, near Beverly, WV, on 20 Nov 1804. On 23¹ Jun 1830 in HARRISON Co, now WV, he married Nancy **REEDER**, b 17 Aug 1811², d/o Joseph **REEDER**. Six children were born to them.

¹ Mortimer **STALNAKER** Family Bible says 25th. Record on file at HCPD Library in the Robert B. **SMITH** Collection.

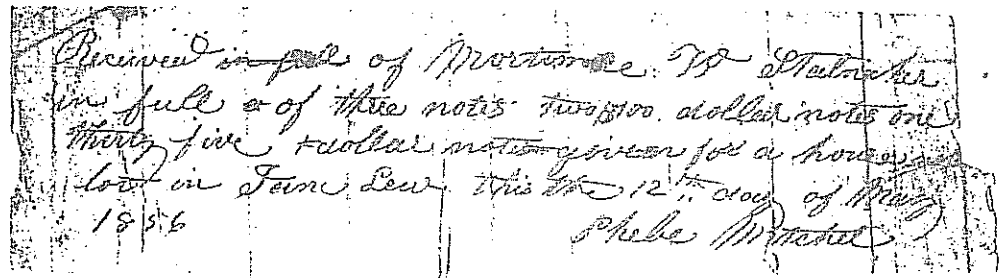
² Ibid.

In 1852, Samuel and Nancy and five of the six children moved to McHenry County, IL and farmed in Queen Anne Prairie, Greenwood Township. Samuel died in Abingdon on 30 Apr 1879 and was buried there. Nancy returned to West Virginia and died there.

Mortimer Wilson **STALNAKER**, born 1 May 1831 in Randolph County, remained in (West) Virginia when the rest of the family migrated west. According to the 1850 census, he was a blacksmith and carriage maker. He was twice married.

His first wife, Sarah Jane **BEALL**, d/o Samuel and Elizabeth **BEALL**, was 27 years of age when they married on 26 May 1853 in Lewis County; she died at the birth of their firstborn, James Doliver **STALNAKER** on 16 May 1854.

With his family "gone west" and since he did not remarry for five years, Mortimer must have raised James D. alone. In 1856, according to the receipt³ below, he purchased a house from Phebe **MITCHELL**.



Received in full of Mortimer W. Stalnakar
in full of three notes two \$100. dollar notes and
thirty five dollar notes given for a house and
lot in Farm Lane this the 12th day of May
1856
Phebe Mitchell

On 1 Mar 1859, Mortimer married the second time to Martha Jane **SMITH**, b 25 Dec 1838, d/o David H. and Talitha (**McWHORTER**) **SMITH**. Her grandparents were Thomas and Delilah (**STALNAKER**) **McWHORTER** and David and Sarah (**HACKER**) **SMITH**. Their first child, Mary Anna, was born the following year.

According to his own declaration⁴, he enlisted in Company D, 10th Virginia Volunteer Infantry, on 1 Mar 1862 to serve for three years or the duration of the war. His first service was under his father-in-law, David H. **SMITH**⁵. Three weeks after Mortimer's enlistment, his daughter Ellen Virginia, was born.

On 25 July 1862, he was commissioned a first lieutenant;⁶ and, during the occupation of Richmond by the Union forces, he was in charge of the guard around the Confederate Capitol. At the door of the building, he met an old Weston friend, a Confederate officer, Judge John **BRANNON**. Mortimer

³ From the files of J. W. **SMITH**, last known to be in the possession of the late Howard **SMITH**, Philippi, WV.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Robert B. **SMITH** files, HCPD Library

⁶ **SMITH**, op. cit.

assured **BRANNON** that he was in good hands.⁷

A detailed report of Mortimer **STALNAKER**'s war service would require a history of the 10th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. However, part of that service may have been in the central West Virginia area and he probably returned to Lewis County from time to time as another child, Emma Celina, was born to the family during the war.

MORE ON MORTIMER

According to Mortimer's declaration at the time he filed for pension after the Civil War, "The last gun that (he) hurd fire" during the war "was on the Morning of the 9th of April 65 at A Hamilton Corthous" when he was ;;hot in the right temple

Mortimer never fully recovered from the wound although he became a successful businessman in the community, more children after the war.

He owned a blacksmith shop in Jane Lew and sold wagons, buggies and carts.

The family was active in the Methodist Protestant Church in Jane Lewj Mortimer was elected three times by the congregation to attend Conference. A window dedicated to him can still be seen in the church building, now the United Methodist Church of Jane Lew.⁹

⁷ **STALNAKER**, Cecil E., A Chronology of the STALNAKER Family, p. 72.

SWISHER Family Gathering

August 6 - 15, 2010

Jane Lew , West Virginia

A once in a lifetime gathering of **SWISHER** family descendents
of the great Ancestors born in the 1740's and 1750's

To celebrate the **SWISHER** clan and learn about a wide
network of descendents and see the place where our
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Visit the graveyard and ld farm of the
3rd Great Grandparents of Francis Louise **SWISHER**

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Family reunion
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At Premier West Virginia State Parks

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Old Forts
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planning**

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The SWISHER and SWITZER Family Gathering 2010

After some 30 years of research, both Paul **PETTIT** and Boyd **SWISHER** are compiling their information to be published as a History of the **SWITZER** Family. Anyone who would like to contribute a history of their portion of the **SWITZER** Heritage should send their family data, stories and histories as well as photos . The work most likely needs to be done in two books or formats. The immediate goal is to bring together a network of families connected in the ancestral history. The research and recent DNA testing has shown a relationship between the better known Peter **SWISHER** line of Harrison and Lewis Co. West Virginia and "The Other **SWITZERs**" of Harrison and Lewis Co. The Immigrant Ancestors will be discussed, new information in the last six months has complicated

As Peter **SWISHER** line has been written about since the 1930's, it is fairly well known. What is not as well known and in fact has been a source of confusions for some 50 years is the ancestors of Francis Louise **SWISHER** my great-grandmother-. We know that her grandparents were in the Jane Lew area and married there in 1827, David **SWITZER** and Diademina **STANDLEY**.

What else is known has been a effort to reconstruct the past of a unknown itinerant family. An in depth effort has been made to find and learn about other **SWISHERs** and **SWITZERs**, who lived in the area but seemed to lack a familial connection. These include:

1. Christopher **SWISHER** who did not marry Mary **MADDEN** as most people think;
2. Elizabeth **SWITZER** who married Manly **CARDER**
3. John **SWISHER** who married Mary **MAXWELL**
4. Jacob **SWISHER** who married Rosannah **RICHARDS**
5. Nancy **SWISHER** who married Jesse G. **LOWTHER**
6. Catharine **SWITZER** named in the will of Thomas **LOWTHER**
7. Ann **SWITZER** who married Alexander **COTTRILL**
8. Lucinda **SWISHER** who married Albert **COTTRILL**
9. Henry **SWITZER** of 1802 Harrison Co.
10. Frederick **SWISHER** of Wood Co in 1789
11. Frederick **SWITZER** of Little Paw Paw Creek Marion Co.
12. George, Henry & Rachel **SWISHER** of Monongalia Co
13. Joseph **SWISHER** of the 1820 census
14. The mysterious "Edward" **SWITZER** of the Monongalia Delinquent tax list

15. Samuel **SWISHER** who married Hannah **HYDE**
16. Jacob **SWISHER** m. Ruth **STANDLEY**
17. Mary **SWITZER** m. David

Other Families of interest are:

Jacob **GRAPES** and Hance **STUART** of the Center Branch Baptist Church

The Gathering will be conducted from Aug 6th to August 15th. This is envisions to be a very unique event perhaps once in a lifetime for some family members. It will be a destination family vacation for those who wish or just a few day outing or weekend get-a-way There will social events – picnics, games, and time for golfing shopping etc. there will be planned events throughout the week including cemetery cleanup and conservation.

There is interest in establishing a formal Family Association and a business meeting will be scheduled. There will be opportunities to learn and visit about historical home of our ancestors with excursions to lack historic landmarks and parks. We will work towards marking cemeteries, repairing stones and providing a continuing means for their upkeep and preservation. We will have some fun time to get to know our extended families over a sack race, egg toss of bean bag throw – may be some old mountaineer skill competitions.

To submit your family history, volunteer as a branch coordinator for gathering information and to assist in planning and conducting the **SWISHER** Gathering 2010 please contact Paul **PETTIT**, cPETTIT@telis.net. 28700 Ellis Ave., Sun City, CA 92585 – 951-928-0830 951-323-8622

BUCKHANNON RUN METHODIST CHURCH

In 1834, there was an appointment at an old log church, known as Union Chapel. From this appointment the present Buckhannon Run Church was organized. But when the class was formed is not stated, and I was not able to find the date at which the church was built, or who was the pastor. The society now has a membership of 76, good, substantial, intelligent, loyal Methodist Protestants and progressive citizens. Among the leaders of the church are the **HINZMAN, ROGERS, MORRISON, BORAM, HERSMAN, WARNER, LOUDENSLAKER, TAYLOR, QUEEN, WILSON** and **McKINNEY** families.⁸ The earliest membership roll for the church was submitted by Robert B. **SMITH**:

Perry Green **SMITH**
Duff **ROGERS**
Caroline **TAYLOR**
Emily **HINZMAN**
Loueza **TAYLOR**
Dacia **WILSON**
Martha J. **TAYLOR**
Sarah J. **WILSON**
Margret J. **WILSON**
Elmira **HINZMAN** (married Charles
ELLIOTT moved to Gilmer Co.)
Nancy L. **KEE**
John W. B. **KEE**
Thomas **BORAM**
Martha C. **BORAM**
Mark **HERSMAN**

Lucinda **SMITH**
Mary **STARCHER**
Jacob S. **HINZMAN**
Marietta **WILSON**
Annie **WILSON**
David M. **ROGERS**
Joseph M. **WILSON**
Mary **WILSON**
Adaline **HINZMAN**
Mary A. **HACKER**
Cytha L. **KEE**
Bradley **TAYLOR**
Eliza **KEE** (died 1/19/1883)
Jane **BORAM**
Margret J. **BORAM**
Olive **HERSMAN**

⁸ Barnes, Rev. I. A., THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN W. VA., Stockton Press, Baltimore, 1926. p. 43

John B. SWISHER	Alsa V. SWISHER
Ardela A. SWISHER (married a a McWHORTER)	George W. SWISHER
Samantha KEE	Albert W. SWISHER
George W. ROGERS	Louisa WILSON
Ira SMITH	Columbus SMITH
Luverna WILSON	Olive WILSON
Wm. R. STARCHER (was member of	George R. ESKEW
Laurel Lick)	Archibald COYNER
Sophronia COYNER	Etta M. COYNER
Caroline C. WILSON	

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The mtDNA of Female Pioneers of Central West Virginia

I am interested in determining the mtDNA of several female Pioneers to Central West Virginia. For some I don't even know their maiden names, for others much of their ancestry is also lost to us. You may also have female ancestors you want to learn more about. Determining the mtDNA of these women may well help us link family lines to each other, and determine new relationships.

I'm hoping to find the maiden names of some of my ancestors. Like all DNA projects, you want to get matching DNA from 2 widely separated cousins. Remember both men and women have their mother's mtDNA, but only women can pass it on; so we're looking for living men or women who descend from an all-female line from the female Pioneers. An mtDNA match "proves" the paper trail back to the common ancestor of the two folks who were tested.

For October, FamilyTREEDNA has reduced the price of sequencing the full mtDNA to one third price for previous customers; and they will be having another sale in November for new Customers at significantly reduced prices. DNA test kits make great gifts - it's a family project that is fun.

Feel free to contact me, if you have any questions on mtDNA or you need help getting a test kit.

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A Streetcar Memory – cont. from p. 23

I never again rode the streetcar but many a time saw it pass by when visiting my grandparents. Dad, Mom, my brother, Eddie, and I would play croquet with Grandmother and most of the time she won. I am so fortunate to have spent time with my grandparents and have such wonderful memories of them.

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Restful Roanoke

The home of One Hundred and Fifty Thrifty and Law Abiding People.

Editor's Note: This article was found in the May 13, 1905 issue of the Weston Democrat some years ago. I've had it in my box of goodies for Journal use "sometime." Well, now is "sometime."

Nestling among the hills and along the banks of the West Fork River lies the tranquil village of Roanoke.

Long before the civil war about 1843, a company of young men from Roanoke, the Roanoke of John Randolph, came here bringing many slaves and set to work at once to clear the shrub covered hillsides and make homes for themselves. And BUSH Mill became New Roanoke.

Many of the descendants of this youthful band of pioneers are to be found here to-day. They are the WATSONs, RHODES, COOKs, ARNOLDs and HALLs. Sturdy yeomen they; clean, honest men who fear the Lord and love their neighbors, every one of them a freeholder, owning the soil he tills and as independent as the miller of the Dee.

The "renter" is noticeably absent in Roanoke and there is nooe of the sordid poverty as seen in others parts of the State.

When the civil war came the majority of the able bodied men in this community cast their lot with the Confederates; and when the conquered banner was furled in the gloom of defeat, but not in dishonor, these men again put their hands to the plow and accepted the fortunes of war without a murmur.

The population of the village is at present about 150, and a more prosperous or contented community it would be difficult to find. There are three general stores, two millinery shops, and a hotel.

John GILLOOLY entertains the stranger and wayfarer, and is an ideal landlord, for well he knows how to welcome the coming, and speed the parting guest; and when John is in the mood reminiscent he is decidedly good company.

Thomas FEENEY, whose father came from the "Gem of the Sea," keeps the largest store in town, and owns a whole street and more. John calls it "FEENEY Avenue."

O. J. **WHITESEL** sells everything from a pick-handle to a plow, and is an enterprising merchant. E. A. **GASTON** carried a large stock of grocers, dry goods and notions, and does a thriving business. The millinery establishment of Miss **CRAIG** is well patronized by the maids, matrons and widows. Mrs. **BENNETT**'s "parlors" are up to date and liberally patronized.

In wandering through the cemeteries we find that among the early settlers in these parts were the **DUVALLs**, **WATSONs** and **SMITHs**. On one of the three stones standing in the old cemetery we find the following inscription:

In Memory
Of
JANE DUVALL
Consort of G. H. **DUVALL**, who died
Feb. 10, 1842, in the 22nd year of her age.
"Death thou hast conquered me,
I by thy darts am slain,
But Christ hath conquered thee
And I will rise again."

On another stone we are told:

"Here lies the body of Margaret **BUSH**.
Daughter of Samuel **WILSON**. Born
June 7, 1799. Married 10 April 1823.

T. G. **BUSH**, 12 Aug. 1844

The date of Margaret **BUSH**'s death is not given, and we infer that Tom G. **BUSH** was her son.

An old stone broken and fallen face downward and sunken deeply in the soil when turned over discovered the following inscription:

LORONZO DUVALL
Dec. March, 24th 1842, age 1 yr. 10 mo's.

"Sleep on sweet clay
Till Judgment Day." (cont. on page 21)

Queries ???????????

1. I'm looking for proof that Nancy A. **STALNAKER** was the daughter of George W. **STALNAKER** and Susannah **HART**. I'd also like to get proof that Nancy was married to Benjamin Wilson **KITTLE**. I have some information from Census records that shows a Nancy A and Benjamin marriage (doesn't show the maiden name) and Nancy A living with her son Squire. I've searched marriage records with no luck. Any proof outside of the "**HARTs of Randolph**" or the **STALNAKER** book would be greatly appreciated. Please email me at Ky83gal@comcast.net. Barb **GREELEY**, 104 Thrush Court, La Plata, MD 20646

2. Looking for any information on the following family:
John L. **MYERS** b. 1884 mar. Myrtle B. **FISHER** Both born in Weston, Lewis Co., W.V. John's parents were Mason & Almire (**SHEPPARD**) **MYERS**. Myrtle's parents were Jacob & Martha (**JARVIS**) **FISHER**. Their son Chesney married a **THOMPSON**. Their daughter Mary married a **KING**. Any information will be appreciated. Mary S. **McDIFFITT**, 2571 9th St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221-2439 or MMcdiffitt@aol.com.

3. I'm still trying to get all of my families **RADCLIFF** and **WINE** straightened out and there are so many disconnected names that I have not placed with families.

I have done DNA testing on two of my uncles, one **RADCLIFF** in Weston and one **WINE** who's roots were in Braxton County. I am trying to get others to join in and contribute either information or DNA for further conclusive results in our origins.

I have information that puts my **RADCLIFF** in Hardy Co, Va in the early 1820's but there are also **RADCLIFF**'s found in Roane Co and other counties in the area. I am trying to figure out the connection to all of them, as well as the **WINE** families.

I have George **WINE** marrying **REBECCA WILLIAMS** in Greenbrier Co, Va and they are found later on in Braxton County census information with family.

Again, I would love to be able to share information to get these families links found and would appreciate help from anyone else out there that has these families in their databases or are related.

I am searching: **WINE, RADCLIFF, HENLINE, SCHOOLCRAFT, MESSENGER, WILLIAMS, ROSE, FRAME** lines in VA and WVA to make connections from WVA families to their Va lines. thank you
Joannie **ERICKSON**, erickson@mosquitonet.com

4. Where did George Lee **ROBY/ROBEY**, b. 1860, spend his childhood?
I'm

looking for information about him, my great grandfather. His death certificate shows his parents as Vincent Molen **ROBY** and Nellie **WILSON**. Lewis Vincent **ROBY** lists the same parents. I find Nellie **WILSON** and Vincent **ROBY** living in the same household in the 1860 Braxton County census but after that, I'm stumped. Nellie is nowhere to be found after, or before, that census. And George Lee does not show up again until adulthood. Vincent Molen **ROBY** later married Malinda **LOUGH MOLLIHAN**, a widow. George Lee's obituary lists two of their children, Cordelia **KNICELY** and Alvina **KNICELY**, as his sisters, most certainly

half sisters. Those women married **KNICELY** brothers I believe. Did Vincent Molen **ROBY** and Nellie **WILSON** ever marry? Was Nellie of American Indian descent? Where did George Lee **ROBY** live during his childhood? If you have any of these people in your family line, I would love to hear from you. Linda Hockel ljhockel@columbus.rr.com 7635 Quetzal Drive, Dublin, OH 43017

5. William Floyd **ARGABRITE** b. 28 Feb 1850 in Monroe Co.,(W)VA married Elizabeth **WINES** on 10 Sep 1872 in Roane Co. He was s/o Isaac **ARGABRITE** and Betsy **SWOPE**. Nancy was d/o Richard **WINES** and Nancy **MILLER**. Elizabeth d. of consumption on 31 Aug 1880 in Spencer and is buried in the Spencer Memorial Cemetery. William, known as Floyd, m/2 Fairlena **LOWE** 20 Jun 1881.

Floyd and Elizabeth had Lucy B. b. 1873 and she m. John R. **DAVIS** 2 Apr 1891. I believe John was the s/o William H. **DAVIS** and Mary Catherine **HILL**, born 20 Apr 1860. Lucy d. before 1910 census. Does anyone know where or when? They named their children: Mabell G., Walter G., Glenn E. and Victoria.

They also had my grandmother, Martha Elizabeth **ARGABRITE** b. 7 Dec 1876 who m. Isaac "Everett" **BUTCHER** on 25 Nov 1896 and Martha died on 14 Jan 1904 and is also buried in Spencer Cemetery.

Other children of Floyd and Elizabeth **ARGABRITE** were Jacob Lee b.

1878 and Amanda b. Aug 1880 who d. at 1 month, 15 days in Roane Co. Floyd's children with Fairlena **LOWE** were Esta, Elvira, William J., Dora, Cola **BLAKE**, Jennie, Rex Vaugh & Roxa.

Eunice **FISHER** b. Jun 1810 married Joseph **BUTCHER** 13 Jan 1828 in Weston, HARRISON Co., VA. She was d/o George **FISHER** and Barbee **BUSH**. Joseph was b. 19 Dec 1806, s/o John Anderson **BUTCHER** and Tenie (Cristena) **ALKIRE** in Lewis Co. Joseph died 14 Jun 1845 - need place of burial. Was he buried in **BUTCHER**ville Cemetery? They bought 166 2/3rd acres on Polk Creek, Lewis Co. on 19 Oct 1832 from Wm. **HENDERSON**. Does anyone know where their house was located?

Eunice married 2nd to Edmund **BADGETT** 16 Mar 1846 and had two more children: George Boland **BADGETT** and Elizabeth "Bettie" **BADGETT**, who died after her twins were born. Eunice and Bettie are the two unmarked graves in **REEDY** Cemetery in **REEDY**, Roane Co., WV. Eunice was buried as "Grandma **BUTCHER BADGETT**" according to old-timers. Appreciate hearing from anyone who knows anything about these families. Bette **BUTCHER TOPP** - toppline@comcast.net, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218

6. Looking for living men or women who descend from an all-female line from the women listed below (both men and women have their mother's mtDNA, but only women can pass it on). My father got his mtDNA (called H3*) from his mother's line: Blanche **MITCHELL** (m Ira **BARLETT**); Sophia **BUTHER** (m Charles **MITCHELL**); Eliza **GLAZE** (m John W **BUTCHER**); Sophia **MEANS** (m **HENRY GLAZE**); Mary **HENRY** (m Robert **MEANS**); Rebecca **BURRELL** (m Aaron **HENRY** - Rev War Pvt); Mary **MARLEY** (m Francis **BURRELL**). Every all-female line descendant of any of these women will have the same mtDNA. Please contact me with any additional information or a living candidate for mtDNA testing - a match would prove the paper trail back to the common ancestress.

Hannah **BURRELL** b 1753 MD (m c1775 PA John Jacob **SLAGLE**; Hannah 2m Jacob **HOFFMAN**; (lived Washington Co, MD; Hampshire Co, (W)VA; OH Elizabeth **HENRY** b 1770s (m Jeremiah **HESS**); Rebecca **HENRY** b 1770s (m **OWENS**); Jane **HENRY** b 1770s (m CINO); from Marion Co, (W)VA. Elizabeth Ann **HINZMAN** 1819-1856 (m William **BORAM**); Margaret **HINZMAN** 1832-1902 Lewis Co, WV (m Peter **SWISHER**); Laura **HINZMAN** b 1829 (m William **BORAM** - same as her cousin?); Mary **HINZMAN** 1835-1908 Lewis Co, WV (m James L **SWISHER**) Mary **OSBORN** 1834-1919 MO

(m 1852 Lewis Co, VA William S HURST) Any other all-female line you know of down to recent times..

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7. Looking for living men or women who descend from an all-female line from the women listed below (both men and women have their mother's mtDNA, but only women can pass it on). They all descend from Anne ____ (first wife of Thomas **BARLETT** c1730-1806 of Harrison Co) through 2 of her daughters: Susannah b 1752 (m Reuben **STROTHER**); and Elizabeth b 1874 (1m 1771 Sanford **CARROLL**; 2m Thomas **ASBURY**). I don't know the mtDNA from these lines yet, so we need to find two living distant cousins from each. Please contact me with any additional all-female descendency information or a living candidate for mtDNA testing - a match would prove the paper trail back to the common ancestress.

Susan **BAILEY** b 1819 (m Benjamin **YATES**; 1860 Taylor Co); Olive **BAILEY** b 1825 (m 1838 Isaac **YATES**); Emaline 1829-1898 Lewis Co, WV (m Joseph **LAWSON**); Narcissa **BAILEY** 1838-1909 (m Hyre **BRAKE**, lived Upshur Co, WV); Eleanor **BAILEY** b 1841; (m Scott **BLACK**) Mary Ann **DRAGOO** b 1812 (m 1837 IN Lunsford J **THORN**); Elizabeth **DRAGOO** b 1827 (m 1853 IN David T **HAINES**); Emily **DRAGOO** 1834-1910 IN (m 1855 IN Pierson **FRANKLIN**); Catherine **PRUNTY** (m John **CROSS** b 1808, lived Ritchie Co WV) Drucilla **PRUNTY** b 1811 (m 1831 Alphens **TUCKER**) Anna **WOOD** 1798-1877 (m 1817 Alburtus **BOGGESS**); Elizabeth **WOOD** (m 1819 Felix **ROBINSON**); Amelia **WOOD** (m 1839 Daniel **FLEMING**)

Any other all-female line you know of down to recent times..

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8. Looking for living men or women who descend from an all-female line from the women listed below (both men and women have their mother's mtDNA, but only women can pass it on). I don't know the mtDNA from these lines yet, so we need to find two living distant cousins from each. Please contact me with any additional all-female descendency information or a living candidate for mtDNA testing - a match would prove the paper trail back to the common ancestress.

Christina **ALKIRE** (m John A **BUTCHER**); Barbara **BUSH** (m George **FISHER**); Eunice **FISHER** (m Joseph **BUTCHER**); Any other all-female line you know of down to recent times.

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